

Amendment No. 1 to SB1805

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1805

House Bill No. 1658*

by deleting Section 1(a) and substituting:

(a) A member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system who is an emergency medical services employee, state or local law enforcement officer, or firefighter, and who reaches twenty-five (25) years or more of consecutive service may obtain a COVID-19 essential employee service credit. This credit may be obtained on the basis of one (1) bonus hour of creditable service for each hour of creditable service rendered if the member was required to work as an emergency medical services employee, state or local law enforcement officer, or firefighter at the member's respective worksite or another worksite outside of the member's personal residence during the COVID-19 state of emergency declared by the governor on March 12, 2020, and terminated on April 27, 2021. Total COVID-19 essential employee service credit hours must be converted into days of creditable service, not to exceed three (3) years.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting from Section 1(c) the language "volunteered to work or".

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding to Section 1 the following new subsections:

(e) Service must not be credited for the purpose of establishing eligibility for retirement, but a benefit must be paid on such service.

(f) This section is permissive for a municipality, county, or political subdivision of this state and is not effective for the qualified employees of a municipality, county, or political subdivision unless approved by the governing body of the respective municipality, county, or political subdivision.

(g) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medical services employee" means an individual who is licensed pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1983, compiled in title 68, chapter 140, part 3, to provide emergency medical services, as that term is defined in § 68-140-302; and

(2) "State or local law enforcement officer" means a member of the Tennessee highway patrol; a police officer, sheriff, or sheriff's deputy employed full time by a municipality, county, or political subdivision of this state; or a police officer, agent, or investigator employed full time by this state, whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime and apprehension of offenders.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 2 and substituting:

SECTION 2. This act is null and void unless the general assembly appropriates funds for such purposes during the session in which this act receives final passage.